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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of:)

Walt et al.)

Examiner: Ngo, Hung Nhat

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Filed: August 8, 2001)

For: TARGET ANALYTE SENSORS)
UTILIZING MICROSPHERES)

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2002. This response is filed with a petition for extension and requisite fee prior to or on the extended due date of December 27, 2002. While no additional fees are believed due, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension of time fees or other relief as may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our File A-67209-6/RMS/DCF[469420-51]).

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

32. (Amended) A composition according to claim 66 wherein said population of microspheres comprises at least a first and a second subpopulation, wherein the